

Marvin B. Gengerke, 85



Marvin B. Gengerke, 85, Groton, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial will follow in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main Street, Aberdeen, in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be 8 a.m. to Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000 at Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, Aberdeen, and 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel,

Groton. There will be a public prayer service at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral Chapel in Groton.

Marvin B. Gengerke was born November 27, 1915 to Charles and Eugenia (Lorenz) Gengerke at Groton. He attended grade school in East Riverside Township and graduated from Groton High School in 1932.

He married Marie Sippel, June 19, 1943 in their home near Groton. He farmed and fed cattle all his life on the farm where he was born. In 1997 they moved to Groton due to his failing health. Later he became a resident of the Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton, and the Arcadia Unit at ManorCare, Aberdeen, until the time of his death.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, where he held many offices, led Bible Class for years and was very active in the Evangelism Explosion Program. He was one of the original partners, owner, and president of Valley Farmers Elevator in Groton, and served on the school boards of Riverside School and Groton School for many years. He was involved in several businesses in the Aberdeen, Groton and Webster areas. He was the first farmer to put up Harvestor Silos in South Dakota and received recognition for this. In 1982 he was honored as "Livestock Feeder of The Year." He enjoyed traveling, fishing, reading and playing cards.

He is survived by his wife, Groton; three sons, Art (Linda) Gengerke, Groton, Norman (Ellen) Gengerke, Groton, and Howard Gengerke, Aurora, Colo.; three daughters, Evelyn Fuehrer, Mitchell, Shirley (Allen) Guthmiller, Aberdeen, and Pam (Alan) Davis, Bath; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Casketbearers will be his grandsons Collin Gengerke, Kevin Fuehrer, Tim Fuehrer, Shawn Gengerke, Ryan Gengerke, Matthew Guthmiller, Tony Davis, and Andrew Davis. Honorary casketbearers will be his granddaughters Chris Wheeting, Ann Gibbs, Teresa Gengerke and Trish Gengerke, great-grandchildren and all of his friends.

Organist will be Eileen Schuelke and soloist will be Gene Brolin. Trumpeter will be Delbert Hinkelman. Ushers will be Bill McKiver, Gilbert Hinkelman and Ben Schaller.